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In re Application of
Suresh C. Gupta et al.
Application No. 10/678,499
Filed: October 3, 2003
Atty Docket No. 3419-031893

ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed October 3, 2003.

The petition is **DISMISSED** as involving moot issues.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d), petitioner has submitted a copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in Application No. 09/840,572, filed on April 23, 2001. The instant application is a division of 10/446,386 which is a continuation of application 09/840,572. Furthermore, a copy of the decision, mailed September 17, 2002, granting a petition to accord § 1.47(a) status to the prior application has been placed in the file of the present application.

As Rule 1.47(a) status was granted in the prior application, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As no petition is necessary to accord Rule 1.47(a) status in this application, the petition is dismissed as involving moot issues. As no petition fee is necessary, no petition fee has been charged.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), since notice was provided after the grant of Rule 1.47(a) status in the prior application, the Office is dispensing with the notice provision in this divisional application.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (703)305-4497.

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